

thank the Senator from Virginia (Mr. SPONG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HRUSKA), the Senator from California (Mr. TUNNEY), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SPARKMAN) for their contributions to the overall high quality of discussion and deliberation.

It is almost impossible, Mr. President, to enumerate all who helped to move this all-important measure through the Senate. I am truly grateful to the entire Senate for its thoughtful and expeditious action on last Monday.

SPECIAL FOREIGN MILITARY AND RELATED ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1971

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, again, that H.R. 10947, an act to provide a job development investment credit, to reduce individual income taxes, to reduce certain excise taxes, and for other purposes, be laid aside temporarily and that the Senate turn to the consideration of Calendar 424, S. 2819; that it be laid before the Senate and made the pending business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The second assistant legislative clerk read the bill by title, as follows: A bill (S. 2819) to provide foreign military and related assistance authorizations for fiscal year 1972, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to its consideration.

What is the will of the Senate?

Mr. FULBRIGHT. Mr. President, I yield myself 2 minutes on the bill.

INFORMATION ON LAOS AND CAMBODIA

Mr. President, in the course of the debate on foreign aid on November 9, I mentioned repeatedly the difficulty the committee has had in obtaining information from the executive branch. Let me cite one case, a case I cited before during the debate on the provision in the defense procurement authorization bill setting an expenditure limitation of \$350 million for this fiscal year in Laos.

I mentioned during that debate, on October 4 to be exact, that on January 27 of this year I had written the Secretary of Defense asking for certain information for Laos and Cambodia similar to the information that has been regularly supplied to the committee for some years with regard to Vietnam. Mr. G. Warren Nutter, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, replied on April 14 and said that he could not comply with my request because—

It would not be at all appropriate to discuss or disclose outside the executive branch highly sensitive information on military combat operations of the kind which your questions would elicit if answers were to be provided.

I wrote Mr. Nutter again on April 20 and asked him to provide the committee with a list of the items which he considered to be "highly sensitive information on military combat operations." He replied on May 5 and used another argument which was that because there were no U.S. military advisory personnel in Laos and Cambodia the Defense Depart-

ment did not have the information requested.

On August 9 I wrote Mr. Nutter again and pointed out that two members of the staff of the Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad had visited Laos and had obtained virtually all of the information requested in my original letter of January 27. Furthermore, with the agreement of the Department of State, Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency, a declassified version of that report had been published. I concluded that it did not seem to me any longer credible to claim that the information requested on Laos was not available or that, if it were, it could not be discussed or disclosed outside the executive branch. I then renewed my request for the information I had requested on January 27.

That letter, as I have said, was dated August 9. It is now more than 3 months later and, despite numerous inquiries by the committee staff to the Defense Department, I have still not received any reply whatsoever to my letter.

I ask unanimous consent that the full exchange of correspondence be printed in the Record at this point.

There being no objection, the correspondence was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,
January 27, 1971.

HON. MELVIN R. LAIRD,
Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: As you know, at the request of the Committee on Foreign Relations the Department of Defense has, for sometime, been supplying it with monthly statistical data relating to the situation in Vietnam. This information has proved to be extremely valuable in following developments there.

The Committee is finding it increasingly difficult to keep abreast of the rapid developments in Cambodia, Laos, and North Vietnam, and I believe that a monthly report containing data relating to those countries would be helpful. The Committee would, therefore, appreciate the Department's cooperation in supplying, on a monthly basis, the information requested on the enclosed list.

I, of course, have no objection to your making this information available to other interested congressional committees, as was done in the case of the Vietnam reports.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. FULBRIGHT,
Chairman.

MONTHLY DATA ON MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA Cambodia

1. Size of Cambodian Armed Forces:
 - (a) Trained and Combat Ready;
 - (b) In training (specific location if outside Cambodia) or other;
 - (c) On duty outside Cambodia (other than training).
2. Number of friendly foreign troops in Cambodia:
 - (a) South Vietnamese;
 - (b) Other (specify).
3. Number of enemy troops in Cambodia:
 - (a) North Vietnamese/Viet Cong;
 - (b) Cambodian Communist;
 - (c) Engaged in combat operations:
 1. against Cambodian forces;
 2. against South Vietnam forces.
 4. Combat air operations in Cambodia:

- (a) Sorties flown by
 1. U.S. planes;
 2. Sorties flown by Cambodian planes;
 3. Sorties flown by South Vietnamese planes;
 4. Sorties flown by Thais or other forces;
- (b) Ordnance expended (bomb tonnage and other) by U.S. aircraft in Cambodia:
 1. B-52;
 2. Other fixed wing aircraft;
 3. Helicopter gunships, etc.
5. Casualties (military):
 - (a) Enemy killed, wounded and captured;
 - (b) Cambodian killed, wounded and missing;
 - (c) South Vietnamese killed, wounded and missing;
 - (d) U.S. casualties or missing as a result of air or other operations.
6. Transport and Supply Operations:
 - (a) Number of flights flown by U.S. military transport aircraft to Cambodian airports;
 - (b) Number of U.S. helicopter transport flights flown in Cambodia;
 - (c) Number of air drop missions flown by U.S. aircraft in Cambodia;
 - (d) Number of transport flights by U.S. non-military aircraft (Air America, etc.);
 - (e) Number of transport flights by South Vietnamese or other aircraft;
 - (f) Number of supply missions by South Vietnamese naval vessels;
 - (g) Please provide copies of any contracts or agreements with foreign government or private entities relating to supply or transport operations in Cambodia, including data on amounts paid or reimbursed for such services and the sources of the funding.
7. Payments made by the United States to South Vietnam or other countries for operations in or services rendered in behalf of Cambodia:
 - (a) Amounts or any such payments and the purpose;
 - (b) Provide copies of any agreements entered into by the United States concerning payments to foreigners for services rendered in or in behalf of Cambodia and the source of the funding.
8. Number of U.S. personnel involved:
 - (a) Number of U.S. personnel attached permanently or temporarily to the U.S. Embassy in Cambodia—civilian, military;
 - (b) Number of visits in Cambodia by U.S. personnel in a TAD or other temporary status and total number of days of such duty by all personnel during the month;
 - (c) Number of U.S. personnel in South Vietnam, Thailand, or Laos whose duties relate to operations in Cambodia, including training and logistics operations.
9. U.S. Naval operations:
 - (a) Number and type of U.S. ships operating in or near Cambodian waters during the month engaged in operations relating to Cambodia;
 - (b) Number of visits to Cambodian ports by U.S. naval vessels engaged in supply or transport operations.
10. Estimated number of U.S. prisoners held in Cambodia:

Laos

1. Number of United States personnel in Laos:
 - (a) Civilian (government employees);
 - (b) Military;
 - (c) Personnel on temporary duty, civilian and military (total number of man-days);
 - (d) Contractor employees (Air America, etc.).
2. Number of friendly military forces:
 - (a) Regular Laotian Armed Forces;
 - (b) Irregular Forces;
 - (c) Thai Forces in Laos;
 - (d) Other Forces in Laos (Cambodian, South Vietnamese, etc.).
3. Enemy forces in Laos:
 - (a) Pathet Lao;
 - (b) North Vietnamese;
 - (c) Viet Cong.